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SUBJECT: APCAC MANILA CONFERENCE - PRC ISSUES

REF: HONG KONG 3450

1. EMBOFFS MET APRIL 2 WITH REPRESENTATIVES TAIPEI AMCHAM WHO WILL BE ATTENDING MANILA CONFERENCE. TAIPEI AMCHAM'S POSITION ON FIRST THREE AGENDA ITEMS IS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) ITEM I. TAIPEI WILL SUPPORT HONG KONG RESOLUTION CALLING FOR REPEAL SECTIONS 402 AND 409 OF TRADE ACT AS LONG AS PRC NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED.

(B) TAIPEI WILL URGE ADOPTION OF FOLLOWING LANGUAGE BY APCAC REGARDING PROMOTION OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT WITH PRC THROUGH NON-GOVERNMENTAL CHANNELS: "APCAC SUPPORTS THE USE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL BUSINESS BODIES AS POSSIBLE VEHICLES TO EXPAND TRADE AND INVESTMENT RELATIONS WITH NON-MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES". AGAIN, IT WILL OPPOSE ANY PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO PRC.

(C) CONTRARY TO WHAT CURTIS ANDERSON, HONG KONG AMCHAM PRESIDENT, TOLD AMCONGEN HONG KONG, TAIPEI AMCHAM DOES NOT REPEAT NOT PROPOSE TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT FORD TO DO NOTHING ON HIS TRIP TO PEKING THAT WOULD DAMAGE TAIWAN'S INTERESTS.

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TAIPEI INITIALLY WILL SUPPORT RESOLUTION DRAFTED BY

LOU BURRIDGE AND SUBMITTED BY JAPAN AMCHAM. ASSUMING BURRIDGE DRAFT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, TAIPEI WILL SUBMIT DRAFT RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS: "IN VIEW OF THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO THE US WHICH MAY BE GAINED OR LOST IN INCREASING TRADE WITH THE PRC, APCAC BELIEVES IT IS IN A UNIQUE POSITION TO ASSESS THE ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES FROM A PURELY BUSINESS VIEWPOINT. APCAC THEREFORE RESOLVES TO DRAFT AN ECONOMIC POSITION PAPER ON THIS ISSUE TO BE COMPLETED BY THE TIME OF ITS NEXT MEETING".

2. TAIPEI AMCHAM REPRESENTATIVES PLAN TO DISCUSS THEIR PROPOSALS BOTH WITH HONG KONG AND JAPAN AMCHAM REPRESENTATIVES FRIDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 4.

3. GEBER WAS BRIEFED BY ECONCOUNS APRIL 3 ON THE PRC ISSUES AS IDENTIFIED IN REFTEL AND OTHER MESSAGES SAME SUBJECT. UNGER

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